



# July Interviews

**Interviewee:** Guada

**Capacity:** Moderator

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**Hello Guada, how are you today? We are here to interview moderators for the yearbook. To start off, could you please introduce yourself?**

I'm fine. My name is pronounced differently but since we use English pronunciation, everyone that I know calls me Guada. I am eighteen years old and I am from Uruguay. Currently, studying systems engineering in college.

**How long have you been on the server?**

I've been on the server since January 2021, so a year and a half.

**When did you decide to become a moderator?**

Well, I like to help people around and one day I received a message from Dani. She asked me whether I wanted to become a mod. It was around March or April 2021, Bndrea was already a mod in the server. So she recommended me and also Swathu to become moderators and then I accepted and ever since then, I have been a moderator.

**Oh? So you became a moderator really early on then. Did you find the transition from member to moderator to be too quick? Would you have liked to wait a little bit more to become a moderator?**

No, I had been on the server for 3 or 4 months before (becoming moderator). So I already had an idea of what the server would look like and I also like to help people. When I got the opportunity to be a moderator, "I was like oh! I wanna be". And it was not difficult because (at that time)the server was small so there weren't a lot of people and everyone knew each other.

**Bndrea asked you to become a moderator, if she hadn't done that, do you think you would have applied to become a moderator?**



I would have probably applied for it later on. Because I still wanted to help the server grow. Staff application(system) wasn't there then, it was on recommendations. Unlike now, you have to know the system and there is a form (through which) everyone can apply.

**You've been a moderator for quite some time now, what do you think the best part about being a moderator is?**

Well as I said, I like to help when they are stuck at a certain part or they have some questions regarding the server and then being able to assist them with their queries is I believe the best part of being a moderator.

**What is your favorite task to do as a moderator?**

Wow that's a hard one, omg. I like all of them \*laughs\*, answering questions, assigning roles, helping out, i don't know. No particular one.

**What are some of the challenges you have faced while being a moderator?**

So we have to warn people \*laughs\* and that's hard. Sometimes you're like this person has been in the server for so little amount of time and they have to be warned. But-but we have to do our duties and warn people even if we don't want to.

**How is your mod team? and how do you find working with them?**

We have a very hardworking team of mods and we can always ask them if we are facing any problems or difficulties in certain tasks and they are always happy to assist. Recently, we have been working on updating mod forms since there were questions that were not mentioned in the forms due to server tour changes. Now, we are all working together (where we are) suggesting ideas and giving our opinions collectively.

**You mentioned you're studying engineering systems, was that it?**

Yup systems engineering.

**So you are in college, right?**

Yup. Just finished my first semester.

**How is it going?**



Uh, hard. Yeah, difficult. It was like a huge change from high school to college. I don't know if I was prepared for it. But I'm alive. That's what matters \*laughs\*

**Do you feel like your moderating duties impact your studies?**

(It has helped me in) Keeping myself more organized. For example, Google Spreadsheets and Docs I didn't use them before \*laughs\*. And now I use them whenever I have to share stuff with my classmates or whatever. And they're like "oh? You could do that?"

**So you speak Spanish, is that correct?**

Yeah. My native language.

**Do you think knowing Spanish or just knowing another language has helped you in any way towards learning Korean?**

Maybe not Spanish. Except for some words. But I learnt a little bit of Japanese, a couple years ago. Though I do not remember much about it anymore, it helped me relate to some words, example, family sounds alike in Japanese and Korean.

**Your major is really time consuming along with that you are part of club leadership in multiple clubs. How do you manage to juggle college, studies, learning Korean, moderating and club leadership duties.**

I don't know \*laughs\*. I'm just kinda in autopilot mode. I had to leave some clubs because I couldn't keep up with them. Now I'm just focusing on club leadership and being moderator. (I've been) Trying to help with club meetings, but due to college, not as much as before.

**What are some of your hobbies?**

Gaming. I spend hours gaming. Video games are my passion.

**Which is your favorite game?**

Currently i'm playing a lot of fortnight and fall guys, It's like cute.

**You like to cook right? What are your favorite dishes to make?**

Pizza. That's my signature dish.



**What toppings do you like to put?**

Just the basics or I like to put ham on it.

**Have you tried making any Korean dishes?**

Apart from ramyeon, I don't think I've tried anything else. Because it's either hard to get the ingredients or it's really expensive.

**As you mentioned earlier you have been on the server since early on. What do you think about the progress that has been made, not only as a server but organization of moderators tasks and duties.**

I have been here since the beginning and I have seen how the server has grown so much over time. Everyday, we see people joining the server and it is amazing how moderators and the team of organizers track everything and for someone who is new, not really having an idea what the staff team does behind the scenes to keep everything checked and in balance. In short, I love how it is always growing and we are always trying to improve with suggestions that are discussed with organizers, admins and mentors, making it a better experience for everyone.

**We are coming to the end of the interview now, we have one final question for you. What advice would you give to anyone wanting to apply to be a mod?**

I will suggest that they need to want to help people and also should be welcoming towards the advice from senior mods. For example, let's say that something happened behind the scenes that was not seen by general members so whenever we have Mod trainees, we have to tell them about different things that happened otherwise, they will be clueless about such events.